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hood of the nation (consumers), we will take necessary measures, in particular, to restrain the rise of prices above the present level and at the same time work out a scale of basic prices or official prices and furthermore will take steps to lower the current prices by strengthening both saving in the consumption and also by control of rations.

(2) With respect to general commodities, we will make every effort to economize in consumption. Especially, in regard to imported commodities, by the way of restriction of consumption, as occasion demands, by setting up a rule of restriction or prohibition, we will enforce a compulsory use of substitutes among the nation and strengthen thoroughly to minimize consumption of commodities for not urgent purposes.

(3) To promote exports, under synthetic plan, we will strengthen the general promotion policy of export. Further,

- (a) We will arrange to bring about a unified foreign trade administrative function.
 - (b) By such a way as linking exports of finished manufactures and imports of materials thereof, we will try to ^{ensure} ~~ensure~~ importation of materials destined to ultimate export.
 - (c) As to imported materials we will divide them into materials for domestic consumption and materials for export and any materials for export shall be thoroughly prevented from being switched over to the domestic consumption.
 - (d) In order to check the tendency of boycott of Japanese goods in foreign countries, special measures will be taken.
 - (e) In regard to the granting of subsidies for the specially designated goods and to the reshuffle of civilian trade organizations, a thorough and drastic measure will be taken.
- (4) About goods of prime importance, an appropriate organization of import and ration will promptly be set up.
- (5) A mobilization of our funds in foreign countries in order to replenish the foreign exchange funds.
- (6) We will make efforts to control and rationalize war profits.

(7) Planning a spread and thoroughness of savings.

(8) To make a simple style of national living at the emergency we will run a national movement and at the same time the government also will take necessary measures so that the government officials will set a standard to be followed by the people.

(9) A thorough measure will be executed for increased production of major types of goods, especially for increase of mineral production.

(10) In order to promote an industrial capacity for production of munitions, we will take necessary measures about adoption of shift system and an urgent employment of technicians and other laborers.

(11) Instructing and making use of a national movement and forming a necessary organization about collection of waste materials.

(12) Measures necessary for conversion and its results, measures for relief of unemployment should be executed.

(13) The policies set forth in the foregoing articles shall promptly be executed by every ministry concerned. For this purpose, if necessary, a part of the articles in the law of general mobilization should be put into action.

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